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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11, Clement's Lane; Lombard Street; GEORGE STREET, 30; Cornhill; GIBSON & GOTON, 121, Holborn Hill; E.C.; BATES HENDY & CO., 4 Old Jewry, E.C.;

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTON, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally:—WHITE & BAER, San Francisco.

CHINA.—Swallow, Drown & Co., Amoy; GILLES & CO., Foochow; TRIMMERMANN & CO., Shanghai; H. FOGO & CO., Manila; C. KARUTH & CO.

## New Advertisements.

**J** W. WOOD, PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, GENERAL AVERAGE ADJUSTER, SURVEYOR OF DAMAGED GOODS. OFFICE, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MEDICAL HALL, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 25th July, 1868.

**COOK WANTED.** WANTED AT THE Hongkong Hotel, a first class FRENCH COOK, one accustomed to the best establishments. A thoroughly efficient man need apply. Testimonials to be sent in to the Office on or before the 22nd instant.

Hongkong, August 17, 1868.

**NOTICE.** WANTED OVERCOATS.

Silk Dress HATS.

Christy's Black and Drab Felt HATS, new shapes.

Silk UMBRELLAS and Walking CANES.

SHIRTS with Linen Fronts and COLLARS of the latest fashions.

A rich assortment of fancy PLANNELS and Summer TWEEDS.

PERFUMERY, BRUSHES, &c., &c.

LADAGE, OELKE & CO.

Hongkong, August 17, 1868.

**NOTICE.**

SELLING OUT.

THE Undersigned beg to call the attention of Ship Masters and the General Public that from and after this date, they will sell the whole of their Stock at Cost Prices.

The above Stock consists of Ship Charterers, all kinds of Household and Cooking Utensils, Oilman's Stores of every description, Dinner and Breakfast Sets and White Crockery Ware, Cabooses, Seats, Cutlery, Plated Ware, Carpenters, Blacksmiths' and Machinists' tools, Boiler Plates and Angle Iron, Paints, Linen and Varnish, Brandy, Whiskey, Gin, Rhine and English Wines, Liqueurs, &c., &c., &c.

THOS. HUNT & CO.

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THOS. HUNT & CO.

Hongkong, August 15, 1868.

**NOTICE.**

THE HOUSE NO. 10, Shelley Street. Gas and Water laid on. Rent \$45 per annum.

Apply to THOS. HOWARD.

Hongkong, August 15, 1868.

**STOLEN OR STOLEN.**

A Dun-coloured Greyhound BITCH, with black-leather collar; anybody detaining the same will be prosecuted.

Hongkong, August 1, 1868.

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

HE DIVIDEND declared for the half-year ended 30th June last, at the rate of Twelve per cent per annum, say \$7.50 per paid-up Share of \$125, and \$1.50 per Share on which \$65 have been paid, is payable at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By order of the Court of Directors,

VICTOR KRESSER,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 13, 1868.

**New Advertisements.**

**SODA WATER BOTTLES.**

THE Undersigned are prepared to purchase Schweppes' or other empty Soda Water BOTTLES, in quantity.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, August 18, 1868.

**FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.**

The Steamship "UNDINE".

Capt. TOPPIN, will leave for the above ports, on Thursday, the 20th instant, at 2 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, August 18, 1868.

**HIRE OF BUILDINGS.**

SEALED TENDERS will be received at this Office until Noon on Saturday Next, the 22nd instant, for the hire of accommodation for about 180 Soldiers, Indians and other Troops.

Blocks of Chinese Houses would be suitable for the above purpose, but it is necessary that the drainage and water supply be in an efficient state.

The Buildings being exempt from rates and tax the rent to be stated exclusive of both.

Further information can be obtained on application at this Office.

REMOND UNIACKE,  
Dep. Commiss. Gen.

Controller's Office, Commercial,

Hongkong, August 17, 1868.

**VICTORIA REGATTA CLUB.**

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL REGATTA of the above Club, will take place on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 10th and 11th November next.

A Programme of the Races and full particulars of Presentation Prizes, will be shortly announced.

Gentlemen desirous of becoming Members of the Club, are requested to notify the same to the Undersigned.

A. MCLEOD,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 17, 1868.

**BREAKFASTS and DINNERS supplied at Private Residences on reasonable terms.**

ICE, &c., always on hand.

CHAS. PANNEGE.

Hongkong, August 6, 1868.

**NOTICE.**

HONGKONG & WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 6th to the 26th day of August, both days inclusive.

Property to be at the risk of the purchaser from the fall of the hammer.

By Order of the Directors,

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Offices of the Corporation.

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 5, 1868.

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## Notices to Consignees.

S.S. "SUNDA," from BOMBAY.  
CONSIGNERS of Cargo by the above-named vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

W. MACAULAY,  
Superintendent,  
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, August 17, 1868.

S. S. "T. A. GIBB," from CALCUTTA AND SINGAPORE.  
CONSIGNERS of cargo by the above-named vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Hongkong, August 16, 1868.

B. I. S. N. Co.'s S. S. "DACCIA," from CALCUTTA & SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNERS of Opium and Cotton by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that the same will be landed and stored at Ship's expense, but Shippers' Risk, the former in the Godowns of the Undersigned in Iow. HOUSE STREET, and the latter in WANCHAI GODOWN. Delivery of Cotton may be had between the 18th and 25th instant, after which date Godown Rent will be charged.

DAVID SAUSSON, SONS & Co.,  
Hongkong, 14th August, 1868.

BRITISH SHIP "CITY OF QUEBEC," from CALCUTTA.

CONSIGNERS of cargo by the above-named vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JOHN BURD & Co.,  
Hongkong, August 11, 1868.

BRITISH BARQUE "HAYBLOOK" from LONDON.

CONSIGNERS of cargo by the above-named vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JOHN BURD & Co.,  
Hongkong, August 3, 1868.

THE following cases have been landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery:

Ex "Donau," 17th January, 1868.

R. 531. 1 Case Paper.  
Ex "Donau," 8th June.

NC 120. 122. 3 Cases Sweetmeats  
C. BERTRAND,  
Principal Agent.

Hongkong, August 3, 1868.

"WEST DERBY," from CALCUTTA, CONSIGNERS of cargo by the above-named ship are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored within a reasonable time, say twelve working hours, will be landed and stored in Messrs Dent & Co.'s Godown at the risk and expense of the Consignees of such Goods.

BIRLEY & Co.,  
Hongkong, July 31, 1868.

NOTICE.

MR. WILLIAM F. RUSSELL is authorized to sign our Firm from this date.

THOS. HUNT & Co.,  
Hongkong, August 6, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. LEONARD PARKER and Mr. THOMAS SMITH in our Firm ceased on 31st December, 1867, from which date the Partners are Mr. CHARLES WILSON MURRAY, MR. ARTHUR SMITH and MR. THOMAS PYKE.

BIRLEY & Co.,  
Hongkong, June 16, 1868.

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. CLAUDE BUDDY to sign our Firm from this date.

DREYER & Co.,  
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

MR. J. MURRAY FORBES is authorized to sign our Firm from this date.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
China, February 15, 1868.

NOTICE.

MR. HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE is authorized to sign our Firm from this date.

BIRLEY & Co.,  
Hongkong, June 3, 1868.

NOTICE.

MR. J. MURRAY FORBES is authorized to sign our Firm from this date.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Hongkong, March 4, 1868.

NOTICE.

MR. F. PARKE, Commission Agent, &c., hitherto carried on by himself, will henceforward be conducted under the style or Firm of J. S. HOOK, SON & CO.

J. S. HOOK,  
Hongkong, September 23, 1868.

NOTICE.

MR. FERNAND NISSEN and Mr. HEINRICH HOPFERS have been authorized to sign our Firm here and in China from this date.

HEYNAAN BROTHERS & Co.,  
Hongkong, June 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

MR. FERNAND NISSEN and Mr. HEINRICH HOPFERS have been authorized to sign our Firm here and in China from this date.

SIMMSEN & Co.,  
Hongkong, May 12, 1868.

NOTICE.

MR. FERNAND NISSEN and Mr. HEINRICH HOPFERS have been authorized to sign our Firm here and in China from this date.

HOPFERS & Co.,  
Hongkong, May 12, 1868.

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.  
I HAVE this day established myself as a PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AVERAGE ADJUSTER and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

C. LANGDON DAVIES,  
2 Club Chambers,  
Hongkong, July 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. FERNAND NISSEN in our Firm ceased on the 30th April last.

The Business will be conducted under the Style and Firm of ROBERTSON & Co.

in which Mr. PETER GARABIN has been admitted a Partner.

NISSEN & ROBERTSON,  
Ningpo, May 9, 1868.

NOTICE.

I ROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F. BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port.

S. L. PHELPS,  
Agent.

Hongkong, August 16, 1868.

NOTICE.

R. BYLE HOLME has been admitted a partner in our Firm.

CLOVER & Co.

Nagasaki, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE connection of the Undersigned with the Firm of Messrs THOS. HUNT & Co. ceases from this date.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Hongkong, May 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE connection of the Undersigned with the Firm of Mr. JAMES PRENTICE DUNGAN was admitted a Partner on the 1st July.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, January 11, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE connection of the Undersigned with the Firm of Mr. THOS. HUNT & Co. ceases from this date.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, November 6, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned is prepared to STORE

Opium in a first-class Granite Godown

on premises situated on Praha Central

FURNITURE, DAMASKS, REPS,

FRINGES, TRIMMING, &c., &c.

Table COVERS, BOOTS, &c., Toys,

CROQUET GAMES, &c.

MISS GARRET,

Millinery and Drapery Establishment,

Queen's Road.

Hongkong, August 13, 1868.

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Table COVERS, BOOTS, &c., Toys,

CROQUET GAMES, &c.

WHITE and Colored Kid GLOVES.

Ladies' Gentlemen's and Children's

HATS.

LACE JACKETS, MANTLES, FI-

CHUS, &c., &c.

Dress MATERIALS of all kinds.

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## NOTENTS.

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## A MAIL.

AUGUST 18, 1868.

## CUSTOMS.

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them of ridding themselves of an unjust  
impost; and we shall not be in the  
the slightest degree surprised if the able head  
of the Foreign Custom shortly announces  
that he has succeeded in getting it abo-  
lished. At all events since the Consular  
system fails—witness, the rice embargo,  
the confiscation regulations, etc., etc.,  
etc., etc.—it will be but prudent to give  
the new idea a trial. Complications will  
arise! Of course they will, but they  
will have been engendered by the singular  
apathy of the rightful representative  
of British interests at Peking and the  
ports. The latter of course can do nothing,  
being restrained by their orders; and the  
Minister may claim that he too is  
restrained by the Foreign Office. But  
if he were wise, he would insist upon  
freedom of action. That he does not  
simply prove that, though a subordinate,  
he is totally unsuited for a position  
requiring self-reliance and com-  
mand.

[Since writing the foregoing we ob-  
serve by the Shanghai papers just to hand  
by the *United Service* that the Chamber  
of Commerce at Shanghai has responded  
to Mr Hart's invitation regarding direct  
communication in a manner which fore-  
bodes a transference of the functions now  
performed by the Consular service to the  
Customs department. The Chamber "is  
fully sensible of the benefits to be derived  
from such preliminary discussion of  
measures," and, as we anticipated, eagerly  
seize at a chance which promises relief  
from the "damn-your-eyes-you-dollar-  
grinder" system which has in many  
places so seriously interfered with the  
better performance of those functions  
which are popularly supposed to devolve  
upon H. M. Consular Servants. While  
we fully acknowledge the talent and  
conscientiousness to be found in the Consular  
service we cannot ignore the repre-  
sive effect of those traditions and instructions  
which render the members of that  
service desirous rather to conduct matters  
quietly, than energetically; and their  
legitimate effect we have long foreseen—  
the transference to the Customs' employes  
of much of that power which should  
rightfully belong to the Consular officials.  
Shanghai has set the example, and before-  
long we shall learn that "in accordance  
with instructions from the *Commissioner*  
each British resident will stand on his  
head, etc., etc.]

A REPORT in our local columns refers to  
a summons against Captain Barry, R.E.,  
for assaulting an Indian policeman, at  
the late fire, and we are glad to observe  
the very sensible course taken by the  
Magistrate, who said that if the charge  
was pressed he would have to fine Captain  
Barry, but he thought that, under  
the circumstances, it might well be withdrawn.  
We think so too; and can only  
express our extreme regret that the  
native police conducted themselves in a  
manner so inefficient as to lead the entire  
sympathies of the spectators with those  
who in doing their best to be of real  
service, accidentally or intentionally  
struck several of the blacks and Chinese  
present. We hope His Excellency is  
satisfied with the result of the glorious  
anti-tower-of-Sabot experiment in which  
he has been indulging. To keep order  
amongst English, French, German and  
Chinese speaking sailors and rowdies, he  
had introduced a brigade of black, hot-  
tempered, Bengali-speaking Sikhs and  
wonder of wonders, they don't understand  
each other. We are afraid that  
the "darkies," both horses and men, had  
better return to their jungles again."

## LOCAL.

## THE CHINESE.

The eclipse although perfectly visible from  
Hongkong hardly came up in its effects to  
the expectations formed in some quarters,

the partial obscuration scarcely affecting  
the appearance of the sun to the non-  
scientific observer. As we mentioned, the  
first and best place within a few seconds  
of 11h. 45m. A.M. the exact time being  
11h. 48m. As. During its continuance  
photographs were taken of the Sun's disc by  
Mr Thompson, F.G.S., the time by Chas.  
Falconer being carefully noted by Mr  
Falconer as each view was taken. The  
greatest obscuration is calculated to have  
occurred about 11h. M., and the eclipse ter-  
minated at 2h. 56m. 32s. thus lasting for a  
period of two hours seventeen minutes and  
twenty seven seconds. As was natural  
the very unusual circumstances attendant on  
this phenomenon led many to take such  
observations as their eyes or instruments  
enabled them to do, but the above data may  
be relied upon. There was a great diversity  
of opinion as to the extent of obscuration  
—a question which Mr Thompson's photo-  
graphs will help to satisfactorily settle at least,  
but we may note that the nearest approximation  
to totality was in our opinion seven-  
sixteenths of the entire disc—some made it  
a third, others three-fifths, while the Chinese  
assert that sixty-two hundredths is the  
measurement of the obscured portion. We  
trust to be able to furnish full and reliable  
results of the observations made, in our  
overland edition.

The Shanghai Chamber of Commerce has  
replicated favourably to Mr Hart's despatch  
of the propositions in which they "will  
gladly avail themselves as circumstances  
may require." The answer of the Hong-  
kong Chamber is, we presume, still under  
discussion.

## TO-DAY'S POLICE.

Mr Goodlak on the Bench.

EXCISE AT THE FIRE.—Nuroodeen  
appeared as complainant in a summons  
against Captain Barry, R.E., for an as-  
sertion. Nuroodeen, who is sergeant major of  
the Indian Police, stated that he was  
ordered by Mr Creagh to station constables  
to prevent Chinese from coming near the  
fire, the 13th instant. While doing so,  
he passed defendant, and the latter struck  
him with a stick across the legs. Com-  
plainant turned and said, "I am a police-  
man, Sir," to which defendant replied,  
"I don't care for a policeman." He did

nothing to induce Captain Barry to strike  
him. Defendant was in uniform.

Captain Barry (who was permitted to sit  
on the bench) stated that he had no ques-  
tions to ask, as he did not recognize the  
complainant at all. He might have struck  
him, as he hit a great number of people  
over the shins on the occasion of the fire.  
There was no one to give orders, and the  
Chinese were looting and doing all sorts of  
things without law or hindrance. There  
were about a dozen policemen there doing  
nothing whatever. He remembered hitting  
a naval officer accidentally, and apologizing  
immediately afterwards.

Mr Creagh, deputy assistant Superintendent  
of Police, and acting Superintendent  
was understood to say that Captain  
Barry hit many constables; but it is with  
great difficulty that Mr Creagh's words can  
be made out at a distance of two yards.

Mr Goodlak asked defendant whether  
he was on service, on duty.

Defendant stated that he was the first on  
the ground. He was coming from the 73rd  
Meas, when he heard the alarm, and instead  
of going into the Club to read the newspaper,  
he rushed up to the fire. He did not at first report himself to Mr May,  
because Mr May had not then arrived, but  
did so afterwards. He had no intention of  
assailing the complainant.

Mr Goodlak asked defendant whether  
he was on service, on duty.

Defendant replied that he may have said  
so; there were a great number of black-  
guards there doing pretty nearly as they  
liked.

His Worship: Chinese you refer to, I  
suppose I Yes; I dare say I looked about  
50 or 60 of them.

His Worship: addressing complainant,  
said that there was no doubt that Captain  
Barry had been of great service at the fire,  
and he owed to having most probably  
assaulted complainant. But he thought that,  
under the circumstances, the complainant  
ought to withdraw the charge; if not, he  
would be bound to fine Captain Barry a no-  
small sum, as there was no question about  
the mere assault itself. It was, however,  
a very trivial affair. Captain Barry had ac-  
cidentally struck a naval officer about the  
same time, and apologized.

Mr Vandeleur Creagh was again under-  
stood to say that complainant was head native  
of the Police, and had been in service  
for fifteen years; and, according to  
the acting superintendent's side, the charge  
should not thus fall to the ground.

He suggested that, had Captain Barry ap-  
pealed at the time to the Black P. C. Ser-  
geant, in the same way that he did to the  
naval officer, the case would have been very  
different from its present form.

Captain Barry, somewhat warmly, re-  
marked that such was a very strange asser-  
tion on Mr Creagh's part; he could not even  
say that he had ever seen the man before.

His Worship observed that a gentleman  
not like Captain Barry's idea of discipline was  
not likely to do anything other than use  
his best endeavours to do service at the  
fire.

Captain Barry here interjected strongly  
upon the disgraceful manner in which  
the Chinese were allowed to conduct them-  
selves.

Complainant, who appeared very solici-  
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their words when a fire was raging around  
them.

At 11.30, the Court adjourned, by mutual  
consent of all parties, in order to view the  
ruins of the Sun.

After re-assembling, the Court disposed  
of two more cases, which concluded the  
business of the Session. Both cases were  
of comparatively little importance.

DECADENCE OF THE AMERICAN  
SHIPPING INTEREST.

The New York *Commercial Advertiser* fur-  
nishes some interesting data concerning the  
decadence of shipping business in the  
United States. Some years ago we had but  
one rival, and were likely to have none in  
two years thereafter. In 1861 the relative  
tonnage of this country and Great Britain  
was as follows: United States, 5,500,000  
tons; Great Britain, 5,800,000 tons. What  
the pirates did not destroy, ill-advised legisla-  
tion finished. The ships which had  
been steam corvettes, 1,462 tons, 14 guns  
Captain Joseph Eddy, C.R., may be daily  
expected to pass through Singapore on her  
voyage from Amoy Bay to the Pacific  
to which she has been ordered after the  
construction of a ship. We needed at the  
close of the war the buoyancy and life  
which our former vast shipping interest  
would have given. In 1866 the tonnage  
of the two countries stood as follows: Amer-  
ican, 4,300,000 tons; British, 7,300,000  
tons. Two years later (1868) the dis-  
portion was much greater, but the figures  
have not been furnished. But there are  
some changes still more remarkable. In  
1869 the United States had a foreign trade  
in the Baltic and North Seas which amount-  
ed to \$62,000,000. It was done with Amer-  
ican and foreign bottoms, as follows:  
American bottoms, \$16,000,000; foreign  
bottoms, \$36,000,000. In 1866 this trade  
had increased to \$70,000,000; but was ex-  
plained thus: American bottoms, \$6,000,000;  
foreign bottoms, \$64,000,000. In 1868  
the American trade with the Atlantic ports  
of Europe amounted to \$430,000,000. It  
was divided thus: American ships, \$270,000,000;  
foreign ships, \$160,000,000. The amount  
of this trade had swollen in 1866 to  
\$620,000,000. In that year it was as follows:  
In American bottoms, \$181,000,000; in foreign  
bottoms, \$439,000,000. In the Eastern trade,  
the figures stood in 1869: American bottoms,  
\$35,000,000; foreign bottoms, \$1,600,000. But  
in 1866 this was the showing: In  
American ships, \$13,000,000; in foreign  
ships, \$21,000,000.

The aggregate of our trade in 1860 was  
\$663,000,000 and was divided between  
American and foreign bottoms as follows:  
American, \$443,000,000; foreign,  
\$220,000,000. The same trade amounted  
in 1868 to \$866,000,000, carried as follows:

In American bottoms, \$282,000,000;  
foreign bottoms, \$604,000,000. Congress  
has recently introduced a measure of  
relief through the bill allowing a drawback  
of all duties upon articles which are used in  
the construction of ships. This measure is  
of great importance to the Pacific coast,  
where ship building is in its infancy and  
still struggling for a fast hold.

We shall recover our supremacy as the  
leading carriers of the merchandise of the  
world, but it will be a hard struggle. Com-  
petition is likely to be transferred to a  
considerable extent to steamers of low  
power and great economy in the consumption  
of fuel, with large sailing capacity. In the  
construction of a new commercial fleet,  
advantage will be taken of the bayonet  
and the rudder of the canon of freedom—a  
sentiment that was received with great  
applause.

Prisoner denied the whole charge, and  
said he was arrested within Mr Jardine's  
gate.

One of the Jurors, who was a juror on the  
former trial of the prisoner, identified the  
prisoner; as also Mr Gazza, crown solicitor.

Verdict—guilty.

His Lordship therefore sentenced prisoner  
to hard labor for two years and twelve days;  
i.e., one year and the remainder of the old  
sentence (1 year and 12 days.)

At 11.30, the Court adjourned, by mutual  
consent of all parties, in order to view the  
ruins of the Sun.

The papers to hand per *United Service*  
are dated the 31st instant. We subjoin  
two or three of the more important para-  
graphs:

(N. C. D. N.)

A correspondent sends us the following,  
which will go far to clear up the doubts as  
to the safety of the Rev. Mr Thomas and others  
killed in the Corse.—"A few evenings  
ago, a letter written in Chinese was thrown  
into the compound of Messrs Ferguson &  
Co. at Oléouf, and on its being opened  
appeared to be a letter from the Corse,  
saying that two Europeans—out of them Ed-  
ward Thomas and the other a pilot—were  
acquitted of a charge of robbery and  
murder, and that they were very well  
alive and well, and that they were very well  
received the other day.

After some further conversation, sent  
at the fire, His Worship remarked that  
the Chinese rushed about armed with  
swords and chopsticks, and he wished very  
much to have had one or two brought up  
before him. He hoped, however, that they  
would get better at the next fire, when the  
Fire Brigade was got thoroughly through.

The case was supposed to have been withdrawn,  
through the efforts of Falconer, and we are glad to observe  
the very sensible course taken by the  
Magistrate, who said that he had no doubt  
that the charge was well founded.

Another Chinese correspondent writes:

"I enclose you a small sample of gold  
produced with very primitive tools in  
about an hour and a half. There  
is no doubt that quartz gold is plentiful  
in the hills adjoining the creek,  
as you find small specks of quartz in the  
small pieces. I have a sample of black  
sand sent down yesterday, very rich with  
small particles of gold." The only doubt  
is that the Taitai of Ninghai, and  
therefore the Chinese, are making a  
large profit by selling the gold to the  
Europeans.

The Chamber of Commerce have remon-  
strated strongly against the tone of Sir R.  
Alcock's despatch, committed on the  
"Safety Chop," and requested that the correspondents be referred to the Foreign Office.

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produced

## THE CHINA MAIL.

## Post-Office Notifications.

MAILS by the "EMEU."

The Contract Packet "EMEU," will be despatched with the usual Mails for Europe, day on FRIDAY, the 21st Aug., at 9 A.M., and the Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Letters for Registration, Newspapers, Books, &c., until 8 P.M. on the 20th Inst., Letters, &c., may be posted in the night-box from 8 P.M. on the 20th inst., until 7 A.M. on the following morning.

All Letters posted between 7 and 8 A.M. on the 21st Inst., will be chargeable, in addition to the usual postage, with a late Fee of 18 cents.

The latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 8 A.M. and for Newspapers, Books, or Patterns 7 A.M. on the 21st Inst.

Further, late letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Marseilles, or to Singapore may be posted on board the Packet from 8.30 to 8.50 A.M. on payment of a late fee of 48 cents each, in addition to the postage, after which no Letters can be received.

Sealed Boxes containing the correspondence of Box Holders will be received at the window-seat apart for the purpose, on the East Side of the building.

All correspondence for places to which postage is compulsory must be paid in Hongkong Postage Stamps.

Insufficiently-stamped Letters addressed to the United Kingdom will be sent on, charged with a fine of One Shilling in addition to the postage.

Letters posted after 7 A.M. on the 21st Inst., will not be forwarded unless the Late Fee as well as the postage is prepaid.

Letters insufficiently stamped or unstamped addressed to places to which they cannot be forwarded unpaid, will be opened and returned to the writers as early as possible, but no guarantee can be given that such Letters, if posted after 8.30 A.M. on the 20th Inst., will be returned until after the mail is closed.

Postage Stamps should be placed on the upper right hand corner of the correspondence, except in cases where they may be used in payment of "Late Fees," when the stamp or Stamps representing the late fee should be placed on the lower left-hand corner.

All transactions in fractional parts of a Dollar will be conducted in the Coins prescribed by Ordinance, I, of 1864, and the Proclamation of the 22nd January, 1864, and no other Coin, but those therein specified will either be received or given in change as fractional parts of a Dollar.

Payment for Postage Stamps must be made in the current Dollars of the Colony or Bank Notes.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

General Post-Office,

Hongkong, August 14, 1868.

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300 Tons best Picked Coal.  
Just arrived per "Star."  
Apply to  
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THE Public House called the CITY OF ROTTERDAM, No. 190, with Stock-in-Trade, Furniture, and everything belonging to it.  
For full particulars, apply on the premises.  
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JAS. LE GUYT DANIELL,  
Secretary.  
London, June 10, 1868.

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AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,  
Hongkong, June 6, 1868.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Hongkong, December 26, 1867.

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MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

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Not exceeding 1 month, 1 per cent.

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Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 1 per cent.

Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1868.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
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By Order of the Board.

